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Sunday, March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent



## Mass Schedule @ Main Church

Saturday Evening, 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

*Confessions, Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm or  
anytime by appointment*

## Weekday Morning Mass

Monday – Friday

8:30 am @ MAIN CHURCH

*Monday 8:30 am Mass  
with Miraculous Medal Novena*

### **Served By:**

Rev. James Ferry, Pastor

Rev. James N. Chern, Weekend Assistant

Rev. Robert K. Suszko, Weekend Assistant

Mrs. Linda Chapman, Director of Music

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RECTORY/Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

### **Religious Education**

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#### **Religious Education**

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)**

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#### **Religious Education**

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### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Celebrated *usually* the first Saturday of the month. Parents are required to meet with Father Jim Ferry. Please call RECTORY.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

Administered in an emergency at any time. Please call RECTORY when someone is ill or admitted to the hospital.

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Engaged couples are asked to make their arrangements one year in advance of their wedding. Please call RECTORY for an appointment with a priest.

### **First Friday**

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. There is 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration during the “Fall” months of September, October, November and December and the “Spring” months of March, April, May and June.

### **Peace and Good Corner Gift Shop**

Religious articles, books and cards are available for purchase inside the church before and after all Masses or by appointment. Contact RECTORY.

### **New Parishioners**

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes. Please register at RECTORY or call for registration forms.

**MISSION STATEMENT** *The people of God in West Orange were called by the Holy Spirit in 1914 to form Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, a community centered on Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit remains with us today as we continue our journey to God. We are inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, called to respect life and proclaim our Catholic faith. We serve God by providing spiritual, educational, and social activities for our parish family as well as extending God's love and compassion to serve the greater community.*



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes,  
As we gather for the Mass before the West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15, 2026, we welcome our parade committee, Grand Marshal Tom Brennan, and Deputy Grand Marshals, Daniel Cunningham, Eileen Cassels Aker, Bill McEvoy, Steve Shaffer, West Orange township officials, and all who have come together to celebrate faith, heritage, and community.

This weekend is always a joyful moment in our town. The parade reminds us of the long story of Irish immigrants in America and the many other immigrant communities who have shaped our nation. Each group arrived bringing hopes, struggles, and traditions. America changed them, and they also helped change America.

The Gospel this year invites us to think about change in a deeper way.

In the Gospel of John (9:1–41), Jesus encounters a man who has been blind since birth. What follows is not only a miracle of physical healing but also a story of spiritual transformation.

At first, the man knows very little about Jesus. When people ask who healed him, he simply says, "The man called Jesus made clay and put it on my eyes." That is the beginning of his journey.

But as the story unfolds, the man begins to see more clearly – not only with his eyes but with his heart and mind. When questioned again, he calls Jesus "a prophet." Later he boldly defends Jesus before skeptical authorities. Finally, when he meets Jesus again, he declares his faith and worships him as Lord.

His eyesight returns in an instant, but his faith grows gradually.

The miracle is not only that he sees – but that he **comes to see more clearly who Jesus is.**

This Gospel speaks powerfully during Lent because Lent is meant to be a season when our own vision changes. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we ask God to help us see differently: to see ourselves honestly, to see others with compassion, and to recognize God's presence in our lives.

Most of us do not experience sudden, dramatic transformations. Our faith usually grows slowly, step by step, through experiences, challenges, and moments of grace.

The Irish immigrant experience reflects something similar. Many Irish families came to this country facing uncertainty and hardship. They left familiar places and traditions and had to adapt to a new life. Over time they built strong communities, parishes, schools, and neighborhoods that became sources of strength for generations.

The story of St. Patrick reflects this same transformation. Patrick himself was once taken from his home as a captive and brought to Ireland. Years later, after deepening his faith, he returned – not in anger, but as a missionary bringing the light of the Gospel. Through his witness, many came to see the light of Christ for the first time.

In a similar way, the man who was once blind becomes one of the clearest voices of truth in John's Gospel. Meanwhile, those who claim to see remain spiritually blind because they refuse to recognize God at work.

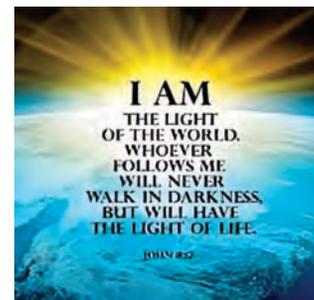
Lent invites us to ask an important question: **What might God be helping us to see more clearly right now?**

Perhaps it is the need to grow in patience or forgiveness. Perhaps it is a call to care more deeply for someone who is struggling. Perhaps it is simply a reminder to slow down and make more space for prayer.

As we celebrate this weekend with faith, family, and the joyful traditions of the St. Patrick's Day parade, we remember that the journey of faith is also a journey of learning to see.

Step by step, Christ leads us from darkness into light – and helps us recognize the presence of God already at work in our lives.

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Jim Ferry



OUR LADY OF LOURDES - MARCH 15, 2026



<b>SATURDAY, 14 MARCH</b>	
5:30 pm	David C. Miller
<b>SUNDAY, 15 MARCH</b>	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano families
11:30 am	<b>NO 11:30 MASS—PARADE</b>
<b>MONDAY, 16 MARCH</b>	
8:30 am	JoAnn Chiamonte (3rd Ann.)
<b>TUESDAY, 17 MARCH</b>	
8:30 am	Mary Cunningham
<b>WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH</b>	
8:30 am	Neil Nillo
<b>THURSDAY, 19 MARCH</b>	
8:30 am	Luigi & Vincenza Russo
<b>FRIDAY, 20 MARCH</b>	
8:30 am	Lorizanne Pauliceme
<b>SATURDAY, 21 MARCH</b>	
5:30 pm	Patricia Bulger (18th Ann.)
<b>SUNDAY, 22 MARCH</b>	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	Louise Chiamonte (29th Ann.)
11:30 am	Robert Roxborough

<b>SUNDAY, 15 MARCH</b>	
7:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	<b>PARADE MASS</b>
11:30 am	<b>NO 11:30 MASS—PARADE</b>
5:30 pm	St. Joseph Novena
<b>MONDAY, 16 MARCH</b>	
Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.	
8:30 am	<b>DAILY MASS WILL BE HELD MONDAY THRU FRIDAY OF EACH WEEK IN CHURCH.</b>
7:00 pm	St. Joseph Novena
<b>TUESDAY, 17 MARCH</b>	
5:30-6:45 pm	<b>1st Communion G 7-12 (OLLC)</b>
7:00 pm	St. Joseph Novena
<b>WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH</b>	
7:00 pm	St. Joseph Novena
<b>THURSDAY, 19 MARCH</b>	
Deadline for News & Announcements for the March 22nd. Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110 .	
6—8:00 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)</b>
7:00 pm	St. Joseph Novena
St. Joseph's Table following immediately after.	
<b>SATURDAY, 21 MARCH</b>	
4:15—5:00 pm	Confessions in Church
5:30 pm	Mass
<b>SUNDAY, 22 MARCH</b>	
7:30 am	Mass
9:30-11:45 am	<b>G 7-12 (OLLC) (HALL)</b>
9:30 am	Mass
10:30 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal (LOFT)</b>
11:30am	Mass

**God looks at the world**  
*through the eyes of LOVE.*  
*If we, therefore, as human beings made in the image of God, also want to see reality rationally, that is, as it truly is, then we, too, must learn to look at what we see with LOVE.*  
*Roberta Bondi*

**PARISH GIVING**  
 FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 2025

Goal	\$6800
<b>Collection*: Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2026*</b>	<b>\$4,609</b>
Deficit:	\$2,191

\*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average

**THANK YOU** For Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.

<b>MAR 21-22, 2026</b>		
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 pm	Andrew Novoa	Eileen Reilly Judy Albore ( c )
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	MaryEllen Chandler
9:30 am	Kathy Petrillo	Annette Chiamonte
11:30 am (Adult Choir)	Wendy Sheyka	Wendy Sheyka Eileen Reilly ( c )

**Prayers Needed**

Emeka Anyanyo	Mary McGuiness
Paul Di Francescantonio	Sister Jean Ruppel
Frances Maroon	
Beverly McAllister	

If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

**Save the Date!!!**

**Building a Culture of Life in NJ seminar**



**Sat. March 28, 2026**  
9:45 AM-1:30 PM

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**Church Capital Investment Fund Raffle**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RAFFLE WINNERS**

**MARCH 7, 2026**

**\$500 winner of 1st Drawing:**  
**ROSANNE BRUNO**

**\$500 winner of 2nd Drawing:**  
**ANTHONY FRUSTACI**

**Lent – Sacrifice – Donation Bins – Any Connection**



**Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we move closer to Christ, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any unwanted items to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin(s) located on the property?**

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**2026 St. Joseph Novena  
Calendar: March 11—March 19  
Visiting Speakers, “Retreat in 9 nights”  
Come any night or every night!**

Wed., Thurs., Friday March 11, 12, 13	7 pm
Saturday March 14	5:30 pm Mass
Sunday, March 15	5:30 pm
Mon., Tues., Wed., March 16, 17, 18	7 pm
Thursday March 19	8:30 am Morning Mass 7 pm Evening Mass



**Lenten Meditation Packets**



Please pick up a Lenten Meditation Packet prepared by the 6th Grade Religious Education Class.

They will be available near the Peace & Good entrance.



Knights of Columbus—West Orange Council #5519



The West Orange Knights of Columbus

will host a **Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser**

in the lower level of Our Lady of Lourdes, Connor Hall on:

**Saturday, 28th of March 2026**

**6:00 pm until 9:00 pm**

pasta—meatballs—salad - soda—offee—dessert

Cost is \$12 for anyone 13 or older and \$5 for children 5-12 years old (There is no charge for any child 4 and under)

Proceeds will go towards supporting local charities in the West Orange area.

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